

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 558

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Robert Fredric Koppel on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Robert Fredric Koppel is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for thirty-six years in healthcare and who will be taking a much-deserved retirement on June 29, 2007; and

WHEREAS, a native of Little Rock, Arkansas, Bob Koppel holds a Master's degree from Washington University School of Medicine and a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, he has served with acumen and alacrity as President and CEO of East Tennessee Children's Hospital since 1976; before his distinguished career there, he had served as Assistant Administrator at Warner Brown Hospital in Arkansas and as Administrative Resident at Methodist Hospital in Memphis; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Koppel is an active and important part of his profession, having participated in numerous worthy organizations, including American College of Health Care Executives, American Hospital Association, National Association of Children's Hospitals and Related Institutions, Voluntary Hospitals of America, Coordinated Health Care Services, Tennessee Hospital Association, Hospital Alliance of Tennessee, Children's Hospital Alliance of Tennessee, and Knox County Indigent Care Committee, as well as lending his support to the State of Tennessee TennCare Roundtable, Department of Health and Environment, Pediatric Trauma Center Committee, Trauma Advisory Committee, and Perinatal Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, his other professional activities include East Tennessee Health Improvement Council, Knoxville Area Hospital District, Arkansas Community Mental Health Advisory Board, and Arkansas Hospital Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Koppel also contributes his time and numerous talents to many community activities, including Greater Knoxville Area Chamber of Commerce, United Way, Heska Amuna Synagogue, Arnstein Jewish Community Center, Webb School, Fort Sanders School of Nursing Advisory Board, Child and Family Services, Ronald McDonald House, Columbus Home, and Leadership Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Koppel is most grateful for the love and support of his wife and two children; and

WHEREAS, Bob Koppel exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mr. Koppel has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Robert Fredric Koppel our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.